

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of August 21, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and Amendment of the claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the document and copy identities are assigned and stored by a computer system networked with the claimed copier, which also stores the digital version of the document which the copier accesses to print the copy. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 23, lines 7-21 of the present specification;

dependent claim 2 is amended to conform with amended claim 1; and
dependent claims 3-9 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-9 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Mori, Lopresti and Dymetman in view of newly cited Winter et al. (US 2001/0040685), because contrary to the Examiner's contentions, Mori specifically discloses that the image forming apparatus has the identification code assignment section for assigning the identity codes to the print jobs (see col. 3, lines 17-39), and none of Lopresti, Dymetman and Winter provide any disclosure, in terms of the claimed invention, to network a copier with a computer system in order to have document/copy identities assigned, stored and accessed.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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